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No: 08/251,125  
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Entitled: ELECTRONIC BALLAST WITH  
CONTROLLED-MAGNITUDE OUTPUT VOLTAGE  
Applicant: Ole K. Nilssen  
Art Unit: 2502  
Examiner: SHINGLETON, M.  
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AMENDMENT B

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant provides the following response to Examiner's  
Office Action dated 09/21/95.

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant has amended his original claims and added two  
new claims. All the claims as presently pending are provided  
by way of the attached document entitled AMENDED CLAIMS in  
Serial No. 08/251,125.

To cover the added independent claim, a check (#5533) for  
\$39.00 is enclosed herewith.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Examiner's initial office action was clearly deficient in  
that it was based on a prior art reference (Zansky) with a  
priority date later than that of the claims of instant  
application.

Yet, while indeed providing another rejection based on  
earlier prior art references, Examiner did not respond to  
Applicant's arguments in support of his position to the effect  
that Zansky was inapplicable as a prior art reference due to  
inappropriate priority date. Yet, Examiner continues to apply  
Zansky -- without any form of explanation or rebuttal of  
Applicant's arguments.